

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE

## Voting Members:

Tommy Waters, Chair; Heidi Tsuneyoshi, Vice-Chair;  
Carol Fukunaga, Joey Manahan, Ron Menor

---

Committee Meeting Held  
May 21, 2020

Honorable Ikaika Anderson  
Interim Chair, City Council  
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Welfare, to which was referred Bill 13 (2020), CD1 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PUBLIC SIDEWALKS,"

which passed second reading and a public hearing held at the May 6, 2020 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Bill is to expand certain commercial areas subject to the City's current restrictions on persons sitting or lying on public sidewalk. The Committee understands the concerns raised by some via written testimony. The original sit-lie framework was enacted over 5 years ago, and this particular amendment is only a slight modification to the existing legal framework, simply expanding the ordinance's application to two specific areas of concern, at the request of community members, law enforcement, and those providing services to our homeless population. While sit-lie is not a solution in and of itself, the City has continued to invest in additional programs to provide support for those possibly impacted by such laws, including the \$1.8 million allocated for the HONU Program and the approximately \$13 million in general funds appropriated to support programs addressing homelessness and housing needs in the FY 2021 budget. The Department of Community Services is also overseeing approximately \$62 million in federal funding to support 3,700 Section 8, Family Unification, and HUD VASH rental vouchers and \$1.2 million in federal funding to support Rent To Work housing vouchers and support services for individuals and families.

---

## CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

ADOPTED ON **JUN 3 2020**

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. **137**

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE

## Voting Members:

Tommy Waters, Chair; Heidi Tsuneyoshi, Vice-Chair;  
Carol Fukunaga, Joey Manahan, Ron Menor

---

Committee Meeting Held  
May 21, 2020  
Page 2

Acting Major Robert Towne from the Honolulu Police Department testified in support of the Bill.

Written testimony was received by way of a letter signed by a group of law professors, and one individual offered comment on the Bill.

Your Committee on Public Safety and Welfare is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 13 (2020), CD1 and recommends that it pass Third Reading. (Ayes: Menor, Tsuneyoshi, Waters – 3; Noes: None; Excused: Fukunaga, Manahan -2.)

Respectfully submitted,



---

Committee Chair

---

**CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

ADOPTED ON JUN 3 2020

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 137